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To require the Federal Communications Commission to follow normal rule-making procedures in establishing additional requirements for non-commercial educational television broadcasters.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Noncommercial Broad-
5 casting Freedom Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMPLIANCE WITH RULEMAKING PROCEDURES RE-**
2 **QUIRED.**

3 (a) LIMITATION.—After the date of enactment of this
4 Act, the Federal Communications Commission shall not
5 establish, expand, or otherwise modify requirements relat-
6 ing to the service obligations of noncommercial educational
7 television stations except by means of agency rulemaking
8 conducted in accordance with chapter 5 of title 5, United
9 States Code, or other applicable law.

10 (b) TERMINATION OF EFFECT OF ADDITIONAL GUID-
11 ANCE.—The additional guidance contained in paragraphs
12 43 and 44 of the Commission’s memorandum opinion and
13 order in WQED Pittsburgh (FCC 99–393), adopted De-
14 cember 15, 1999, and released December 29, 1999, shall
15 not be effective after the date of enactment of this Act
16 except to the extent such guidance is prescribed in accord-
17 ance with subsection (a).

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